ROUND 1

Toss-up #1:

What do each of these letters have in common?

ç ö á क़ بِ

They all feature diacritic marks/ accents.

Bonus: The diacritic ӧ can have several different meanings. Explain one of the uses.

Umlaut: - changes the sound of the vowel (usually fronts it)

Diaeresis: - indicates that the vowel is sounded separately and is not part of a diphthong.

Toss-up #2: Looking at these two pictures of an ASL signer, what does the difference in facial expression convey?

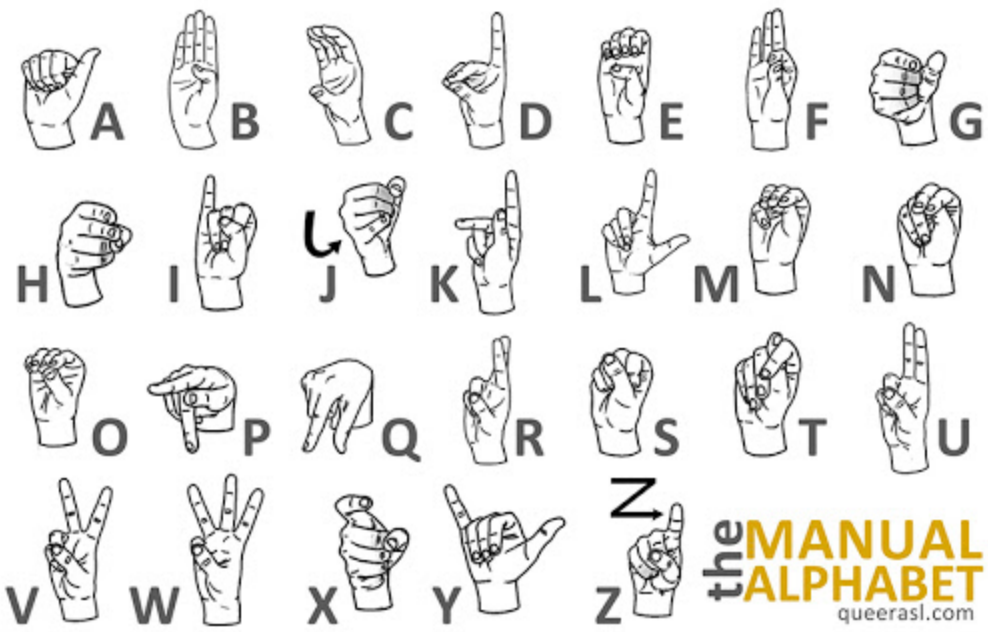




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The type of question being asked. Eyebrows lowered for wh-questions. Eyebrows raised for yes/no question.

Bonus: Have someone on your team use ASL fingerspelling to spell “linguistics.”



Toss-up #3: From which ancient alphabet did the Latin alphabet derive?

Phonecian, Greek.

Bonus: Which two modern English letters did not exist in the Latin alphabet?

J and W

Toss-up #4: Which of the following words does not morphologically belong?

abnormal, acellular, **auctioneer**, antiseptic

Bonus: Why doesn't *auctioneer* belong?

It does not have a prefix.

Toss-up #5: What is the term for a language in which words are formed by stringing morphemes together without changing them in spelling or phonemics?

Agglutinative.

Bonus: What types of information might be contained in an agglutinative slot?

Tense, number, case, honorific, aspect, mood,...

SCORE CHECK

Toss-up #6: Name three dialects of the English language.

American English, British English, African American Vernacular English, Scottish English, any other acceptable answers.

Bonus: Name three dialects of the Spanish language.

Peninsular Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Chilean Spanish, Rioplatenese, Andalusian Spanish, Cuban Spanish, New Mexican, Andean, Castellano, Phillipine, Judaeo-Spanish could count (NOT ladino), Canarian, Ecuadorian, Carribean, Uruguayan, Guatemalan, Murcian, Peruvian, Panamanian, Puerto Rican, are we counting pidgins like Chavacano?

NOT Acceptable: Catalan

Toss-up #7: Which modern language native to Europe has no known relatives in its language family?

Basque

Bonus: What contrast between consonants is Basque notable for?

Between two types of /s/, (person gives explanation for laminal vs apical pronunciations or pronounces them, basically laminal = with the tongue blade, apical = with the tongue tip)



Toss-up #8: What scripts are melded together on this sign?

Arabic and Hebrew, in Aravrit

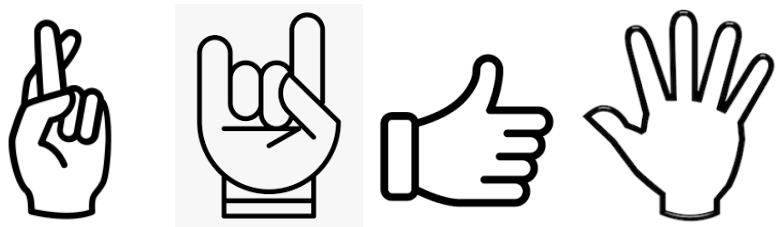
Bonus: What is another abjad besides Arabic and Hebrew?

Syrian Aramaic/Syriac, Thaana (Maldivian), Samaritan, Sogdian, Ugaritic, Punic, Psalter, Middle Persian, South Arabian, Sabaean, Proto-Canaanite, Manichean, Nabatean, Ancient Berber, Parthian

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Toss-up #9:

What do the following symbols have in common?



They are friendly and positive gestures in the U.S. but considered rude in many other countries.

Bonus: For this Bonus, you will need to turn on your camera, when recognized, and demonstrate.

What gesture, which originates from Hawaii, is used to convey the "Aloha spirit" as a greeting, concept of friendship, and symbol of Hawaiian solidarity.



Toss-up #10: If a language only has words for three different colors (not counting compounds), what are they almost guaranteed to be?

Black, White, Red

Bonus: If a language has four, what will the next one be?

Blue / Green / Blue-Green

SCORE CHECK

Toss-up #11: "Cybernetics" is a compound word – what are the two roots in it?

Cybernet-, -ics

Explanation: it derives from the Greek word kubernētēs, meaning "helmsman"

Bonus: What is it called when people mistakenly etymologize words, and then create new words based off of the perceived roots (ex: "cybercafe", "cyberspace", instead of "cybernecafe"/"cybernespace" etc.)

Rebracketing

Toss-up #12: The word "cleave" has two definitions: "to cut apart," or "to bind together." Words with two meanings definitions which are opposite of one another are called _____.

Contronyms / Auto-antonyms

Bonus: Name another English contronym.

"dust," "literally," "finish," "bill"

Anything from here: https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:English_contranyms

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Toss-up #13: Which of these phrases contains alienable possession? "Touch your nose!" vs "Play fetch with your dog!"

"Play fetch with your dog!"

Bonus: Which noun, "dog" or "nose", is animate?

dog

Toss-up #14: In which places did writing develop independently?

China, Central America (Mexico), Indus Valley, the Middle East (Iran)

Bonus: Which writing system does the Mongol script derive from?

Phoenician or **Aramaic**

SCORE CHECK

Toss-up #15: Is Dutch more closely related to French or German?

German

Bonus: Name the only country outside of Europe where Dutch is the official language.

Suriname

FINAL SCORE

ROUND 2

Toss-up #16: Which of the following does not belong?

A ***A*** $\mathscr{A}$ Δ

Δ

Bonus: What is the term for different symbols or letters which represent the same phoneme?

Homoglyph or homogram

Toss-up #17: In English, which type of adjective would come first when describing the same noun: quantity or size?

Quantity

Bonus: What is one type of adjective that would come after size?

Age, shape, color, origin/material, or purpose

Toss-up #18: Name a language that Korean is proven to be related to

None (trick question!) (accept Jeju as an answer as well)

Bonus: Name a language that Japanese is proven to be related to

None! (also accept Ryukyuan though like ^)

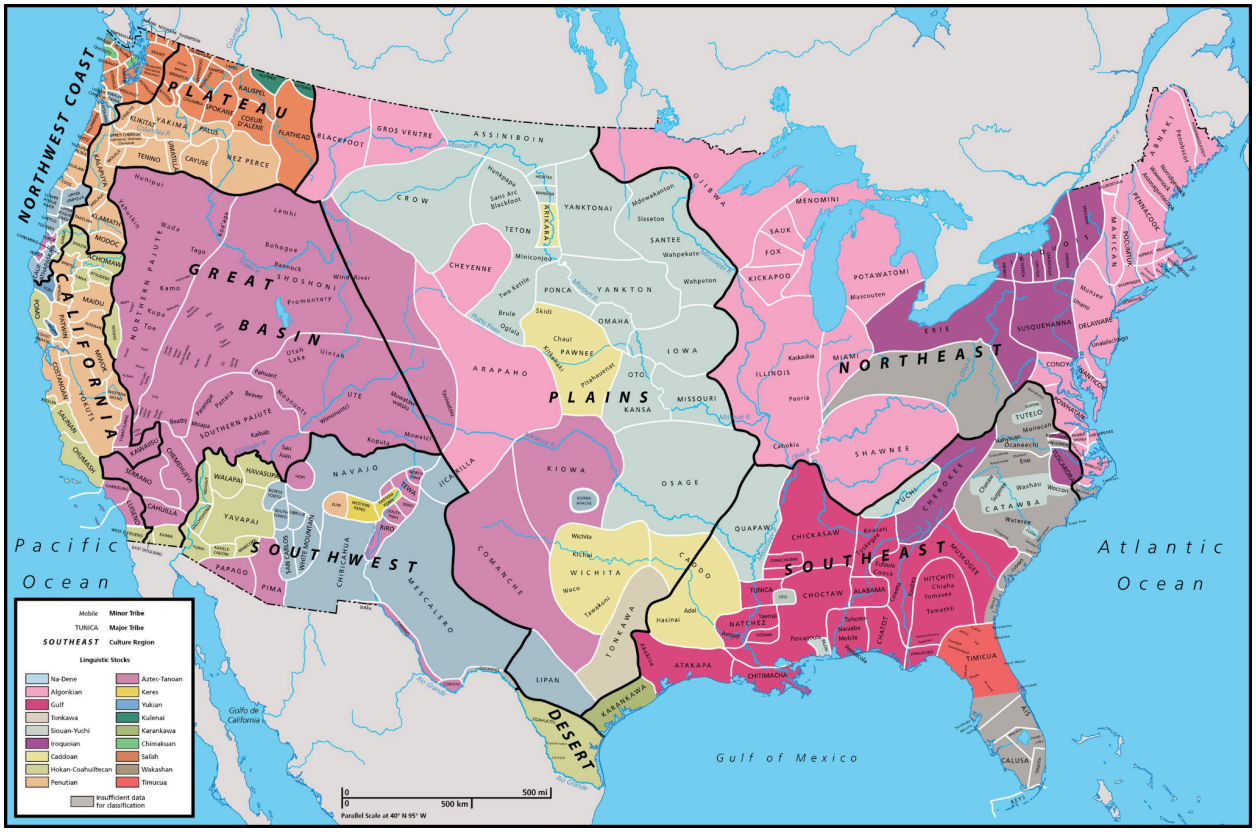
Toss-up #19: What is the name of the creator of Hangul, the Korean script?

King Sejong / Sejong the Great

Bonus: What writing system had Koreans been using prior to the creation of Hangul?

Chinese characters (also accept Hanzi)

Toss up #20: Where on the map would the Delaware /dɛlɒ'wɒɹ/ languages have been spoken?



Purple northeast region (if they say northeast that should also be okay)

Bonus: Name the two closely related indigenous American languages that make up the Delaware languages, also called the Lenape languages.
Munsee and Unami

SCORE CHECK

Toss up #21: Which phoneme is shared by each of the following glyphs:



/p/

Bonus: Name any 2 of the scripts.
Cyrillic, Thai, Hangul, Amharic (Ge'ez)

Toss up #22: What script was the Cherokee script based on?

English

Bonus: Who was its creator?

Sequoya

Toss up #23: Name two languages included in the Mesoamerican Language Area (or Sprachbund):

Nahuatl, Hopi, Nahuan, Cupan, etc.

Bonus: Nahuatl is notable for commonly replacing what part of speech with verbs?

nouns

Toss-up #24: How many official languages are there in the United States?

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Bonus: To the nearest multiple of 5, in how many countries is English an official language?

55

Toss up #25: What category of sound are Australian Aboriginal languages notable for lacking?

Fricatives

Bonus: Name a language without bilabials

Tlingit, Wichita, Iroquoian languages except Cherokee, Etay

Iroquoian languages: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Tuscarora, Huron-Wyandot

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SCORE CHECK

Toss up #26: What is the most common system of vowels cross-linguistically?

five vowel system /a e i o u/

Bonus: Which language has the most distinct consonants?

!Xóõ (/koʊ/) of Namibia (also known as **Taa**) (also accept **Ubykh** if participant explains that: **Under certain analyses of Taa (which treat many of the "contour" clicks as clusters), Ubykh has more phonemes**)

Toss up #27: Which two of the following languages have vowel harmony systems: Turkish, Mongolian, English, Spanish, Thai?
Turkish, Mongolian

Bonus: Name two languages that have consonant harmony systems
any Athabaskan language (Western Apache, Navajo, Tahltan, Chumash), Sanskrit, Javanese, Old chinese, some Austronesian languages, Guaraní

Toss up #28: Name three sounds the symbol <x> represents
/ʃ, ɕ, x, χ, ks, ɗ, dz, ɨ~ʉ, s, z, ʒ, ǁ, t’, ʔ, ħ/ (also accept "sh" and "zh" and "kh")

Bonus: What sound did the symbol make in latin?
/ks/ (like **ch**aracter)

Toss up #29: Tolkien “translated” his names for his hobbits from Westron (a conlang) into a real earth language. In what real language were they rendered?
(Old) English

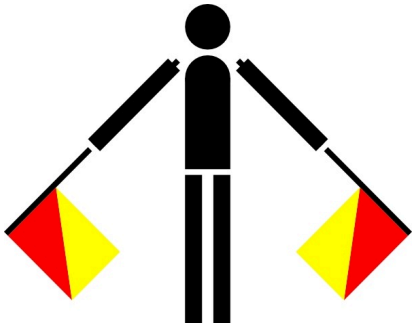
Bonus: Of the five (old) english rendered names – Bilbo, Pippin, Merry, Frodo, or Samwise – can you name one of the Westron names of one of them?

Bilbo	**Bilba**
Pippin	**Razanur**
Merry	**Kalimac**
Frodo	**Maura**
Samwise	**Ban/Banazîr**

SCORE CHECK

Toss-up #30: What system of visual communication, preceding the telegraph, relied on flags for conveying messages?
Semaphore

Bonus: Which letter of the alphabet does this semaphore flag symbol correspond to?



Answer: n
